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GERMAN ATTACKS FAIL

Germans Now Hold Only Small Angle of the Fort of Douaumont.

PARIS, May 23.—Fighting continued with extreme violence on both banks of the Meuse along the Verdun front during the whole night. Two German counter attacks on French positions on hill 304 failed completely, the war office announced today.

The French made further gains within Fort Douaumont. The Germans now hold only a small angle on the northeastern corner of the fort.

Battle Very Severe.

The battle around hill 304 was especially severe. In attacking French positions on the west side of the hill the Germans used liquid gas, the official statement says, and penetrated one of the French trenches, but were dislodged at once. On the east side of the hill the Germans attacked after intense artillery preparation but were not permitted to reach the French line.

The principal fighting east of the Meuse was in the sector between Thiaumont and Douaumont. The Germans attacked in massed formation and are said to have suffered enormous losses. They succeeded in re-occupying one of the trenches north of Thiaumont farm, which had been captured by the French.

Fort Recaptured.

Recapture by the French after three months of the greater part of Fort Douaumont, which was taken by the Germans at the outset of their Verdun drive, is received with great elation by the press and the public, the more so on account of the effect it is expected to have on neutral opinion. General Nivelle, the French commander at Verdun, took advantage of the fact that the German's recently have been concentrating all their attention on Dead Man hill on the other side of the river and assembled a large amount of artillery for the attack on Douaumont sector.

On Sunday General Nivelle began a heavy artillery attack on Fort Douaumont and adjacent positions. The hour fixed for the infantry assault was 4:30 p. m. yesterday. When the moment came French infantry, which had been carefully selected and trained, began the advance singing the "Marseillaise."

Stubborn Resistance. The German resistance at some points was stubborn. On the Froide Terre road and at Douaumont the French had to force back the German infantry inch by inch at the point of bayonets. The leading French contingent reached Douaumont at 5 p. m. They killed the Germans who resisted and sent to the rear a large number of prisoners.

As soon as they recovered from their surprise the Germans launched a number of fierce counter attacks, but all failed, and by 10 p. m. preparations had been made to deal with the serious effort the Germans are expected to make to recapture the lost position.

German Line Shaken.

The French success is considered by military critics here to have shaken the whole German line at Verdun. Douaumont fort was the most important point captured by the Germans and the French gain there is regarded as having nullified the most significant achievement of the Germans in the great battle of three months.

To the west of the Meuse hill 295, the western summit of Dead Man hill, has become no man's land like Hartmanns-Willerkopf. Once before the French abandoned it temporarily to avoid useless loss, reoccupying it when the opportunity came.

AUSTRIANS CONTINUE TO REDUCE THE FORTS

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN PRESS HEADQUARTERS, Monday, May 22, via Berlin, May 22, and London, May 23.—Austrian troops continue to reduce the outer girdle of forts protecting the Meuse. The army of the Austro-Hungarian crown prince is following up the advantage gained on Friday when the first breach was made in the line to the northwest of the fort and which enabled the Austrians to attack some of the outer positions eastward of the place from both the front and rear.

The commanding hills of Tonnesza and Parso Della Vena and Monte Mellignone fell in rapid succession bringing the Austro-Hungarians in entire possession of the line from Forni on the river Astico, westward, to the frontier.

Further advances have been made by the Austrians toward the line of hills north of the Val di Ighoi on the highest of which one of the chief forts of Arlerio is located. Other important works protecting Arlerio now threatened are on Monte Tormino and Monte Cremone.

Both wings of the crown prince's army also have been going steadily ahead. The right of rear wing has been going forward from the northern slope of the Col Santo ridge. It stormed Col Santo itself and already is proceeding to Monte Pasubio. The left wing stormed Santo Alto, the commanding hill of the Arme-

KILLS EQUAL SUFFRAGE

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The House struck from the Porto Rican bill today by a vote of 80 to 59 an amendment designed to grant woman's suffrage to the islands. The bill then passed without roll call virtually as introduced.

CHAIN TIGHTENS IN WAITE CASE

Link by Link by an Array of Witnesses Whose Testimony is Direct.

NEW YORK, May 23.—The chain of evidence by which the prosecution hopes to send Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, the young New York dentist, to the electric chair for the murder of his wealthy father-in-law, John E. Peck, was tightened link by link Tuesday by an array of witnesses, whose testimony was remarkable for its directness.

From the druggist, who sold Waite the arsenic with which he already has confessed that he poisoned the 72-year-old father-in-law, to the physician who afterward examined the body as well as the undertaker who buried it, there was an unbroken line of corroborative evidence as viewed by the prosecution. The organs of the aged victim's body preserved in glass jars were shown to the jury.

Waite, pale and visibly unnerved, hung his head and gazed almost continuously at the floor. His hitherto disinterested demeanor had completely left him and when recess was announced at 1 o'clock he was led from the court room across the "bridge of sighs" to his cell with faltering step.

To add to the prisoner's discomfort, Mrs. Margaret Horton, his "studio" companion, who, according to the district attorney, will play a conspicuous part in the trial, appeared and occupied a seat in the rear of the court room. Waite had to pass directly in front of her when he was taken from the court room.

STATE Birthday Celebration June 20 is Indorsed by Ministers of Parkersburg.

PARKERSBURG, May 23.—The Parkersburg Ministerial Alliance at a regular meeting has formally indorsed the movement for a state-wide celebration of West Virginia's fifty-third birthday on June 20. The resolutions were in the following form: "Resolved, That the Parkersburg Ministerial Alliance hereby endorses a state-wide celebration of the fifty-third birthday of the state on June 20, 1916.

Resolved, further, That the Parkersburg Ministerial Alliance approve the plan of the West Virginia Board of Trade to hold fifty-three or more simultaneous celebrations at fifty-three or more points in the state on June 20 to the end that in one day the thought of every man, woman and child may be lifted up to a realization that all depend upon the resources of this young state; and that service is the test of our value to the state.

Resolved, finally, That the Parkersburg Ministerial Alliance invites the members of the clergy of all denominations throughout the state to set before their congregation on June 11 the call of West Virginia to her children to use wisely, reverently and enthusiastically the opportunities that a kindly Providence has placed under our care.

MISS QUINN ILL. Miss Ella Quinn, bookkeeper for the Lynch Osborn Undertaking Company, is ill at her home on East Pike street. It is thought that Miss Quinn is taking the measles.

ALLEGED BOOTLEGGER. Accused of selling whiskey, John Doe, alias Frank Smith, is a prisoner in the county jail awaiting a trial, or a hearing, before a magistrate. He was arrested and put there Monday evening by J. H. Tenney, deputy state commissioner of prohibition.

EUGENE ROLLAND IS RECOMMENDED

Along with Sixteen Other West Virginians for Places in Chicago Convention.

Seventeen West Virginians have been recommended for appointment as assistant sergeant-at-arms, doorknockers, ticket takers, etc., at the Republican national convention to be held at Chicago, by National Committeeman Virgil L. Highland, of Clarksburg, and Mr. Highland is advised that they will be appointed by Colonel William F. Stone, sergeant-at-arms of the Republican national committee. Some of these men have served at previous national conventions in similar capacities. One of them, Phil Walters, a well known and eloquent colored leader of Charleston, has served at every national convention as doorkeeper since the convention in 1888 which nominated Benjamin Harrison.

The men recommended by Mr. Highland are Charles H. Henning, of

SEMINARY CASE NOT SETTLED AS YET

And It May Yet Come into Convention of Presbyterians for Discussion.

ATLANTIC CITY, May 23.—The hopes of 900 commissioners attending the Presbyterian general assembly, who had been informed by members of the New York Presbytery that the all important question of the Union Seminary and its alleged departure from the tenets of Presbyterianism would be amicably settled today without discussion or friction, vanished, when the committee on bills and overtures announced that it has come to no definite conclusion as yet. When the business session of the assembly opened the committee on bills and overtures obtained permission to "retain for further consideration" the overtures relating to the New York Presbytery and the Union Seminary. Later the committee made this statement:

"We have under consideration a paper which has been presented by certain parties concerned in the situation as it now stands in the New York Presbytery and are hopeful of reaching a satisfactory settlement but as yet arrived at no final conclusion and shall not be likely to do so until Wednesday or Thursday."

The committee was in secret session all night. Opposition to the plan to merge the boards of education and college developed when the executive commission submitted its recommendation for the consolidation. Dr. Robert Watson, of New York, leading the opponents, advocated "safety first" as a guidance pointing out that both boards as individual bodies were performing efficient work and that the assembly had several years ago decided that the present method was the best.

GOSPEL

Meetings Are in Progress at the Church of Christ on the Bridgeport Car Line.

Gospel meetings are now in progress at the Church of Christ, Evangelist A. E. Wickham, of Friendly, is doing the preaching. Last Lord's day morning the evangelist used for his theme, "Abounding in the Lord's Work." On Lord's day night the theme was "An Appeal for the Whole Bible." The evangelist gave an outline of the Bible, showing how to study it, etc. He showed the use that should be made of the Old Testament. He showed that we are not under the laws of Moses, but under the law of Christ. He used Romans 10:4 and Colossians 2:14 for proof. Last night Mr. Wickham began a series of sermons on "The Seven Churches in Asia." Everybody is invited to attend these meetings. The meeting house is close stop No. 9 on the Bridgeport car line.

AEROPLANES

For Field Service in the Mexican Campaign Arrive at Columbus, N. M.

COLUMBUS, N. M., May 23.—The new 160-horse power aeroplanes arrived here today and military aviators began preparing them for field service. General Pershing having made repeated pleas for machines for scouting purposes.

Eighteen cars of food and forage shipped over the Mexico and Northwestern railroad reached the American command at Casas Grandes yesterday, according to reports here. This, with the despatch of an engineering company to repair roads below Colonia Dublan, was taken here as supporting the contention that for present no general withdrawal of the expeditionary command is contemplated.

CHURCH SITES

Are Being Viewed by the Bishop on His Visit to the City.

The Right Rev. P. J. Donahue, of Wheeling, venerable bishop of the diocese of the Catholic church for this state, was busily engaged Tuesday viewing sites for an edifice for Italian Catholics in this section. The latter are enthusiastic in the movement and the bishop is looking with much favor on the proposition. What decision, if any, has been made, has not been made public. The bishop is in his usual good health. Clarksburgers generally are glad to know, and he is in fine spirits.

ACCEPTS POSITION.

Arthur C. Peck has accepted a position with the Philadelphia Oil and Gas Company and he will take care of its automobiles during the summer. He is an expert along that line and the company did well to get his services.

FORT IS FIRM.

BERLIN, May 23.—Announcement was made by the war office today that in the fighting north of Verdun the French have taken some first line positions of the Germans, but that Fort Douaumont remains firmly in German hands.

PARKERSBURG MAN CHOSEN PRESIDENT

Of the West Virginia Association of Optometrists for the Year.

Electing officers to serve the ensuing year, the ninth annual convention of the West Virginia State Association of Optometrists closed Tuesday afternoon in the assembly hall of the Waldo. The new officers are as follows:

President—George Mead, of Parkersburg.

First vice president—John D. McCorkle, of Hinton.

Second vice president—Fred W. Burnett, of Shinnston.

Third vice president—O. A. Kerns, of Morgantown.

Secretary-treasurer—A. A. Exley, of Charleston.

State prosecutor—J. L. Beard, of Charleston.

All the officers comprise an executive council. The time and place of the next annual convention was left to this council, but the place will be either Parkersburg or Fairmont, urgent invitations having been extended by both.

Practically all of Tuesday's sessions were devoted to lectures of a very helpful and instructive nature by Prof. Charles Sheard, of Ohio State University, whose series of scientific lectures was the big feature of the entire convention. Tuesday morning he lectured on "Static Skiagraphy" and in the afternoon he lectured on "Dynamic Skiagraphy."

Representatives of optical supply houses attending the convention are as follows:

R. J. Sime, of the Julius King Optical Company, of New York City.

F. A. Pritchard, of H. E. Eddy, Huntington.

G. K. Beckett, of the Geneva Optical Company, of Cincinnati, O.

F. T. Prosser, of the Ohio Optical Company, of Columbus, O.

Baker White, of the White-Haines Optical Company, of Columbus, O.

TOBOGGAN

Company of This City is among Those Just Granted State Charters.

CHARLESTON, May 23.—Certificates of incorporation have been issued by the secretary of state to the following concerns, which will operate under the laws of West Virginia: The Tilley-Reimann Iron Works, of Sistersville; chief works, Hanford City, Tyler county; authorized capital, \$50,000; incorporators: James G. Tilley, F. A. Reimann, John Kin-kair, W. J. Neuschwander, David E. Thoenen, Harry H. Work and Mabel L. Tilley, all of Sistersville.

The Kentucky Oil & Gas Products Company of Huntington; chief works, State of Kentucky; authorized capital, \$22,000; incorporators: A. B. Brode, Charles E. Dosier, Frederick A. Pitch, of Huntington; Robert Wallace of Pocahontas, Va., and Percy J. McElrath of Braunwell.

The Locomotive and Gas Company of Logan; chief works, Wyoming county; authorized capital, \$10,000; incorporators: James P. Jones, J. A. Washington, Don Chaffin, S. B. Browning, Alec Rose, A. C. McCann and R. L. Shrewsbury, all of Logan.

Clarksburg Toboggan Company, of Clarksburg; authorized capital, \$15,000; incorporators: F. E. Hylard, H. B. Burke, Edmond Denham, all of Clarksburg; and L. A. Seaman, of Leesdale, Ia.

"Safety-First" Exhibit Is Showing Old Relics

Even the "Tom Thumb" of 1830, First Used on Baltimore and Ohio is There.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Practically every device adopted in recent years for the safety of passengers and employees is exhibited by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad in the "safety first" exposition which is being held in the Grand Central Palace this week.

In many particulars, the exhibit made by America's first railroad is the most unique ever seen here. Beginning with the early days when the equipment of the company was drawn by horses, tracing the development through the period when crude, primitive locomotives and quaint, old fashioned cars were used to haul passengers and freight, the visitor is afforded an idea of modern railroad equipment and methods of operation through working models, specimens of roadbeds, various appliances used to protect the public and employees and a comprehensive series of photographs setting forth the emphasis of the management with respect to "safety first."

Among the old engines exhibited are the "Tom Thumb" of 1830, the first used on the Baltimore and Ohio;

LARGE MEXICAN ARMY IS MOVING

Carranza Sends 30,000 Troops on Expedition to Exterminate Bandits.

MOVEMENT IS IN PROGRESS Columns Are Routed North on Account of the Railway Strike.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The Carranza government has ordered 30,000 troops into the region south of the border to exterminate bandits, according to information received today at the state department. General Obregon's original orders issued after his conference at El Paso with Generals Scott and Funston assigned 10,000 men to General Trevino to thoroughly police the territory south of the American expedition.

The new troop movements are already in progress through Chihuahua, the department advises state. The columns are routed north via Saltillo for the most part as the railway strike has interfered with the movement of troop trains over other lines.

TEXAS RANGERS SHOOT TWO MEXICANS TO DEATH

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., May 23.—Colonel Louis Morin, charged with planning a Mexican uprising in Texas, and Victoriano Ponce, charged with participating in the wrecking of a train near here last October, were shot to death when they attempted to escape from Texas Rangers Monday night, according to a report reaching here Tuesday.

M'CANN FUNERAL

Services to Be Held at Glover's Gap, Wetzel County, Thursday Afternoon.

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. Millie Jane McCann, aged 43 years, wife of J. E. McCann, of Rosebud, who died at her home there Monday afternoon following a lingering illness of cancer, will be held Thursday afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Critchfield, at Glover's Gap, Wetzel county, and the interment will be in the cemetery there.

The funeral party will leave the home at Rosebud Wednesday morning and come to on the Short Line train. At Erie they will board a special traction car and go to Fairmont where they will take a train to Glover's Gap.

Surviving relatives of the deceased woman are Mrs. Sarah H. Critchfield, her mother; J. E. McCann, her husband; and Mrs. William Russell, of Mt. Clare; Mrs. D. G. Robinson, of Gypsy; and Mrs. W. M. Harmon, of Dola, and Maria Virginia McCann, at home, daughters; and John L. McCann, at home, a son.

SUNK

Are Three Ships, with Seven Members of the Crew of One Killed.

LONDON, May 23.—Lloyd's shipping agency Tuesday reported the sinking of three ships, a Greek and a British steamer and an Italian sailing vessel. The Greek steamer, Adamantos Korais, of 2,947 tons gross, was sunk by the Austrians in the Mediterranean. The crew was saved. The Italian sailing vessel Fabbricotti-F was sunk in the Mediterranean. The British steamer Rhenas, of 285 tons gross, was sunk by a mine. Seven of its crew were killed.

FLECKS IS RELEASED.

Major Flecks, the hotel porter of Glen Elk, who was jailed Saturday night in connection with Askman Lawson robbery three months ago in the hotel, has been released under his own recognizance at the instance of the prosecuting attorney to appear as a witness at the trial of Homer Roy, charged with the robbery.

COURT MEETS.

The county court went into special term at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to issue a formal call for the primary election to be held June 6 and to issue notary certificates and qualify notaries public.

FINED BY MAGISTRATE.

Peter Dochinsky, of Despard, was fined \$5 and costs Monday night in Magistrate R. Edward Kidd's court for assaulting and beating Frank Messarous there. He paid the required sum and was released.

ADMINISTRATOR QUALIFIES.

Homer Hitt has qualified as administrator of the estate of J. D. Hitt with bond at \$300 and James S. Hitt surety. The appraisers of the estate are J. G. Jackson, S. E. Bishop and Walter Neely.